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•	Claim(s) <u>1-11</u> is/are pending in the application. 4a) Of the above claim(s) <u>10</u> is/are withdrawn from consideration.								
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions, which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Group I, claim(s) 10, drawn to the use of claim 10for inhibiting cholesterol biosynthesis for the preparation of pharmaceutical compositions for treating hypercholesterolemia and hyperlipidemia.

Group II, claim(s) 1-9 and 11, drawn to the compound and composition of formula I.

The inventions listed as Groups I-II do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: The inventions listed as Groups I and III do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons:

Group I and II are linked by the technical feature of compound I. However, as evidenced by Alig et. al, compound I does not make a contribution over the prior art and does not link the product and use into a single general inventive concept. If applicants elect the product and if it is found free of the prior art, the method claims may be eligible for rejoinder practice under 821.04(b).

During a telephone conversation with Attorney Thallamer on 5/24/06 a provisional election was made with traverse to prosecute the invention of Group II, claims 1-9 and 11. Affirmation of this election must be made by applicant in replying to

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this Office action. Claim 10 is withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner, 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

This application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention. These species are deemed to lack unity of invention because they are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

The species are as follows:

The species in claims 4-7

Applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single species to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The reply must also identify the claims readable on the elected species, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered non-responsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

The species listed above do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, the species lack the same or corresponding

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special technical features for the following reasons: The special technical feature does not make a contribution over the prior art. See Schultz et. al.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-3 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated

by Schultz et. al. Schultz et. al. discloses the instant compound,

as well as compounds i and j. At page 251, see Tabelle 1, compounds h through j.

The Schultz et. al. compound anticipates these claims because the R1 moiety equals hydroxyl, R2 equals methyl, ethyl, or isopropyl, and X equals hydrogen.

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim(s) 1-9, 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

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A. In claims, 1, 2, 3, line 1, and everywhere else throughout claims 4-9, 11, the term "compounds" as well as the phrase "and enantiomers, diastereoisomers or racemates" is unclear. It is unclear if a single compound is being claimed or more than one compound. A mixture or composition is the existence of more than 1 compound. Is the applicant claiming a compound and the making of a single compound or a composition?

B. Claim 2 recites the limitation "phenyl disubstituted with 2 chlorine atoms in the positions 3 and 4 or in the positions 2 and 4" in lines 3-4. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. It is unclear if the applicant means that X can be 2 halogen atoms substituted at the 3 and 4 or 2 and 4 positions of the phenyl ring or if X is a phenyl ring that is disubstituted at the 3 and 4 positions or at the 2 and 4 positions of the phenyl ring.

The IDS filed 1/14/05 has been considered. The references that have been crossed out will not be considered until provided to the examiner.

The elected species is allowable.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dr. Mckenzie can be reached on 571-272-0670. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Binta M. Robinson whose telephone number is 571-272-0692. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30-6:00 M-F.

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